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Honorable Mary K. Vyskocil United States District Judge United State District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: <u>United States of America v. Cesar Cruz</u>

Case No.: 21-CR-00504(MKV)

Your Honor:

This office represents Cesar Cruz, the Defendant in the above referenced matter which is currently on the Court's calendar for a change of plea on September 12th. As we advised yesterday, Mr. Cruz has decided not to enter a plea pursuant to the prior plea agreement document with the Government and instead seeks to avail himself of the hearing previously Ordered by the Court. The Court indicated yesterday that November 21<sup>st</sup> was available. The Government suggested that a date from December 7<sup>th</sup> through the -15<sup>th</sup> would be better, but could proceed if necessary on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

I have discussed this request with the AUSA Kaylan Lasky and AUSA Kedar Bhatia and they do not object to the requested adjournment. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Court adjourn this matter for further proceeding to a day after November 20<sup>th</sup>. We further request that the time between now and the next adjourn date be excluded pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act.

The Court's consideration of this request is respectfully appreciated. Thank you.

Yours truly,

John Russo

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Cc: AUSA Kaylan Lasky (Via E-mail) /AUSA Kedar Bhatia (Via E-Mail)

The change of plea hearing that was previously scheduled to take place on September 12, 2022 is ADJOURNED *sine die*. The Court will hold a suppression hearing on November 21, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The government must provide a witness list, exhibit list, and 3500 material one week before the hearing.

Date: Sept. 9, 2022 New York, New York

United States District Judge